

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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9. (Currently amended) A head according to Claim 8 33

including a second serpentine guide path in the housing member located in a second plane including the central axis, the second guide path terminating in a second set of exit openings on opposite sides of the housing member.

10. (Original) A head according to Claim 9 wherein the guide paths are perpendicular to one another.

11. (Cancelled)

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15. (Cancelled)

1 16. (Currently amended) A head according to Claim ~~15~~ 33
2 wherein the releasable interconnection of the upper and lower
3 housing portions of the housing member is effected by spring tabs
4 extending upwardly from the lower housing portion with
5 corresponding tab-engaging shoulders on the upper housing portion
6 for releasable engagement by the spring tabs.

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8 17. (Cancelled)

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10 18. (Cancelled)

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21 29. (Cancelled)

22 30. (Currently amended) The head according to Claim ~~29~~ 34
23 wherein the cross-sectional configuration of at least a portion of
24 the guide path is a rectangular cross section.
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1 31. (Cancelled)

2 32. (New) A head for string trimmer machines including: a
3 housing member having a central axis for attachment to a string
4 trimmer machine; and a first serpentine guide path in the housing
5 member for receiving a length of trimmer line, the first guide path
6 located in a plane including the central axis and terminating in
7 exit openings on opposite sides of the housing member; a second
8 serpentine guide path, perpendicular to the first serpentine guide
9 path, in the housing member located in a second plane including the
10 central axis, the second guide path terminating in a second set of
11 exit openings on opposite sides of the housing member.
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14 33. (new) A head for string trimmer machines including: a
15 housing member having a central axis for attachment to a string
16 trimmer machine; and a serpentine guide path in the housing member
17 for receiving a length of trimmer line, the guide path located in
18 a plane including the central axis and terminating in exit openings
19 on opposite sides of the housing member; the housing member
20 including an upper housing portion releasably interconnected with
21 a lower housing portion with the guide path formed by cooperating
22 parts of the upper and lower housing portions; the lower housing
23 portion having an upper side and a lower side, with the upper side
24 thereof releasably interconnected with the upper housing portion
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1 and the lower side thereof exposing part of the guide path to
2 permit insertion and removal of a segment of string trimmer line
3 thereat.

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5 34. (New) a head for string trimmer machines including a
6 housing member having a central axis and adapted for attachment to
7 the drive shaft of a string trimmer machine; means in the housing
8 member for guiding a length of string trimmer line in a serpentine
9 path in a plane including the central axis, the path terminating in
10 exit openings on opposite sides of the housing member; and means
11 for providing access to the serpentine guide path at a point
12 intermediate the length of the guide path.
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